Sick Textile Mills in the country

317. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names and locations of the sick textile mills in the country till date ; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to revive the sick textile mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUMARI SAROJ KHA-PARDE) ; (a) Statement is attached. *(See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 14)

(b) The revival of a sick/closed textile mill depends on its viability being established. Government have created nodal agency to examine viability and to evolve and manage rehabilitation packages in respect of textile mills. Govern-ment: have also established Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction for taking remedial and corrective measures in respect of sick units. Govt, have also created Textile Modernisation Fund to meet modernisation requirement of textile mills. Non-viable mills may have to close down permanen-tly.

Raids conducted by the Income tax department on " Ansal Properties"

318. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

„' (a) whether the Income Tax Department recently conducted raids at the Office and residential premises of the owners of "Ansal Properties" which is one of the biggest builders of Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) and (b) The Income-tax Department conducted searches on 25th May, 1989 at the main office and residential premises of M/s. Ansal Properties Group of Delhi.

The searches resulted in the seizure of a large number of documents and book of account, besides *prima-facie* unaccounted assets of approximate value of Rs. 52.43 lakhs.

Meeting between the Home Secretaries of India and Pakistan on the issues relating to Law and Order situation

319. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether at the recent meetings between the Home Secretaries of India and Pakistan at Islamabad, various issues pertaining to the law and other order situation in both the countries as well as illegal border crossing and drug trafficking and also the issue of training of Sikh extremists by Pakistan were discussed ; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) A note giving details of the recent Home Secretary level talks between India & Pakistan from 20thto 24th May 1989 at Islamabad is annexed as Statement.

Statement

At the recently held Home Secretary level talks between India & Pakistan from 20th to 24th May, 1989 at Islamabad, both sides agreed to take the following concrete measures to contain terrorism drug trafficking, smuggling and illicit border crossings along the India-Pakistan border :—

1. *Cooperative arrangements between the two Border security Forces.*

(a) The Director General Pakistan Rangers and the Inspectors General, BSF, Punjab and Rajasthan shall biannu-ally review the implementation of the agreed measures of cooperation with special focus on their efficacy in regard to combating trans-border crimes, in addition to the work relating to the maintenance of boundary pillars. During their meetings, they may also agree on such measures including meetings at intermediary level, as may be conducive to improve cooperation between the two Border Security Forces.

(b) The Border Security Forces shall under take simultaneous coordinated patrolling along the India-Pakistan border and the petrols shall be briefed and de briefed jointly. The concerned officials from the two Border security Forces will meet in June 1989 to finalise the modalities and implementation of this arrangement.

2. *Cooperative Arrangements to combat Drug Trafficking and smuggling.*

(a) Coverage of information to be exchanged between the two countries should be widened to include organisation, powers, functions and addresses of different enforcement agencies, training material equipment, legislation, data regarding seizures and other related matters, including modus operandi, routes followed etc.

(b) There was merit in taking steps for harmonisation of laws against drug trafficking so that drug traffickers, in order to avoid harsher punishment in one country, do not flee to or operate from the other country.

(c) There was need for intensifying enforcement of drug laws for interception/interdiction of the drug traffic on both sides and for mounting a special vigil against their trans-border movement.

3. *Cooperative arrangements to deal with fugitives from law etc.*

(a) The Interpol Chiefs and their representatives in both countries should have greater interaction at per sonal level including fresh periodic meetings.

(b) The FIA in Pakistan and CBI in India, acting as the nodal agencies and in concert with other appropriate agencies in their respective countries, should take appropriate action in tracing out and arranging to hand over to the other countries wanted and absconding criminals. The modalities of actions in this regard is to be worked out by the FIA and the CBI representatives through discussions within the next three months.

(c) The concerned agencies should act in close cooperation in neutralisation of organised gangs and touts

indulging in infiltration of large groups of people in pursuit of employment etc. in each others country.

Losses by NTC Mills

320. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the quantum of of loss incurred by each unit of the National Textile Corporation during the last three years, year-wise ;

(b) what are the reasons three-for ; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to revive the units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEX TILES (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) A Statement showing the profit/loss incurred by NTC Mills during the years 1986-87 to 1988-89, year wise and millwise, is attached. (See Appen dix CLI, Annexure No. 15)

(b) The main reasons for continuous losses of NTC Mills are givenbelow :—

(i) old and obsolete machinery ;

(ii) excess labour force ;

(iii) increase in input costs like cotton, dyes and chemicals, power and fuel etc. ;

(iv) in-adequacy of investment in modernisation ;

(v) lack of working capital funds.

(c) Recently, NTC has formu lated a turn-around strategy based on selective modernisation with the help of institutional finance, res tructuring/amalgamation of un viable units, closure of unecono mic activities, product improve-ment and diversification, rationalisation of excess labour force on the basis of voluntary resignations, upgradation of selected mills into export oriented units etc.

Opening of New Branches of Banks in Rural Areas

321. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government pro pose to open more branches of banks in rural areas;

(b) what is the number of branches opened during the last two years, year-wise bankwise and Statewise *;*

(c) what is the number of branches of each bank working at present, Statewise and bankwise; and

(d) what is the number of branches likely to be opened, during the next two years in each State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EX-PENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GA-DHVI) : (a) and (d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that under the current Branch Licensing Policy for 1985-90, 5360 eligible rural and semi-urban centres have been allotted to commercial banks including Regional Rural Banks (RRBs). Out of these centres, banks have opned branhces at 3289. rural and semi-urban centres upto 20-6-1989. The branches at the re-maining 2071 rural and semi-urban centres are yet to be opened under the current Branch Licensing Policy Period. In view of the Service Area Approach to rural 1 ending, 1236 additional centres have also been allotted to various banks for opening branches in various States. Since there current Branch Licensing Policy is due to expire on 31-3-1990, it is not possible at this stage to